



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Office of the City Manager

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Ms. Sherilyn Sarb, Deputy Director
California Coastal Commission
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VIA E-MAIL: Ssarb@coastal.ca.gov

RE: Item 12(a) – July 11, 2013 (CDP #5-12-134 – City of Newport Beach Fire Rings Removal)

Dear Ms. Sarb:

The City of Newport Beach may consider amending its Coastal Development Permit relating to beach fire rings. The amendment(s) could reflect some of the issues and proposals raised within the South Coast Air Quality Management District's ("District") review of this issue. These amendments may include a pilot program to install and operate alternatively fueled beach fire rings at either or both of the Balboa Pier and Corona del Mar locations.

Yet any amendment to our application today doesn't make much sense without knowing what the District will or will not approve at the District's July 12, 2013 Board meeting. Indeed, at the Coastal Commission's March 2013 meeting in San Diego, a key purpose of the continuance of our application was to have the Commission hear back from the District. While the timing is close, it is not close enough.

While the most sensible thing to do is simply delay the Commission's consideration of our application, we understand that this is not possible. As we are both aware, the Permit Streamlining Act's provisions suggest that our CDP application must be heard and voted upon at the Commission's July 10-12, 2013 sessions and prevent the Commission from granting a further continuance. Additionally, any substantive amendments to our application at this point cannot be thoroughly studied by your staff before the July 11 meeting.

I therefore respectfully withdraw the City's application (CDP #5-12-134).

Depending upon the District's actions on July 12, 2013 or thereafter, and following a future action by the Newport Beach City Council, we may submit a revised

application relating to the alternatively fueled pilot program for beach fire rings at a date in the future.

As always, we sincerely appreciate the Commission's and your staff's attention to this challenging subject matter. We hope you have a pleasant meeting in Ventura.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact us at 949-644-3001.

Sincerely,



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